

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 02496 241143Z

ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SOE-02 CIAE-00 INR-10

NSAE-00 SS-15 L-03 EB-08 NRC-07 /065 W

-----015287 241157Z /23/21

P 210852Z FEB 78

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8073

INFO USDOE WASHDC

USDOE GERMANTOWN MD

UNCLAS MOSCOW 02496

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 5, LINE 9 AND PARA 4 LINE 5)

DOE FOR BILLY HILL

DEPT PASS NRC FOR R.HAUBER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, US, US

SUBJECT: VISIT ON LIGHT WATER REACTOR SAFETY

REF: (A) STATE 9752, (B) STATE 28686, (C) MOSCOW 1151,

(D) LENINGRAD 479

1. SUMMARY: U.S. DELEGATION DEPARTED FEBRUARY 18 AFTER SUCCESSFUL 14 DAY VISIT DURING WHICH PROTOCOL SIGNED. DELEGATION CONSIDERS TRIP TO HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, WITH MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION (MPE), PROVIDING EXCELLENT SUBSTANTIVE COOPERATION THROUGHOUT AND APPARENTLY STRONGLY INTERESTED IN BILATERAL SAFETY COOPERATION. DELEGATION BELIEVES INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON LIGHT WATER REACTOR SHOULD BE EFFECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. RETURN VISIT OF SOVIET DELEGATION TO US MARCH 26-APRIL 8 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. END SUMMARY.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 02496 241143Z

2. DELEGATION SIGNED JOINT MEMORANDUM (PROTOCOL) IN MOSCOW FEBRUARY 17 AT MPE. DESPITE EARLIER SOVIET PRESSURE TO WIDEN SCOPE OF PROPOSED EXCHANGES IN LIGHT WATER REACTOR TECHNOLOGY, U.S. DELEGATION WAS SUCCESSFUL IN INSERTING CAREFUL DEFINITION OF SUBJECTS OF COOPERATION, IN FEBRUARY 17 PROTOCOL, LIMITED TO NRC INTERESTS AND CAPABILITIES IN LWR SAFETY AND RELIABILITY.

PROTOCOL ALSO LISTS US SUGGESTION FOR EXCHANGES OF BASIC DOCUMENTATION OF LWR SAFETY, TO WHICH SOVIETS HAVE PROMISED REPLY BY MARCH 15. ALSO DURING VISIT US DELEGATION EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF LWR OPERATING INCIDENTS; SOVIETS HAVE PROMISED TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT DURING RETURN VISIT OF SOVIET DELEGATION NEXT MONTH.

3. U.S. DELEGATION COMPLETED ITS ITINERARY OF VISITS TO THREE LIGHT WATER REACTOR STATIONS, ONE HEAVY MACHINERY MANUFACTURING PLANT, SEVERAL DESIGN INSTITUTES IN THE MOSCOW AREA AND THE MPE. PROGRAM WAS AS REPORTED REF C. REF D REPORTED MINOR PROBLEM IN LENINGRAD WHICH WAS RESOLVED BY RESCHEDULING WITHIN THE LENINGRAD PORTION OF THE TRIP, AFTER SOVIETS APPROVED FULL DELEGATION VISIT TO THE LENINGRAD ATOMIC POWER STATION. DELEGATION WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE COMPETENCE OF SOVIET STAFF, THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD SAFETY PRACTICE AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THEIR LWR'S, WHICH THEY APPARENTLY CLAIM RECORD HIGH CAPACITY FACTORS.

4. U.S. DELEGATION BELIEVES EARLY INITIATION OF CAREFULLY-MONITORED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON LIGHT WATER REACTOR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES. WHILE COUNTERPART AGENCY TO NRC OR SUCH AN EXCHANGE IS YET TO BE FORMALLY DECIDED, MPE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 02496 241143Z

PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL DURING VISIT. MPE OBTAINED ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT FROM ELEMENTS WITHIN ITS OWN ORGANIZATION AND OTHER AGENCIES, FOR US DELEGATION TO OBTAIN NEEDED INFORMATION, AND APPEARS TO BE ABLE TO DO SO ON CONTINUING BASIS.

5. DELEGATION FEBRUARY 16 REVIEWED WITH VORONIN, MPE, THE DRAFT ITINERARY OF THE RETURN SOVIET VISIT OF MARCH 26-APRIL 8. NRC REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES BASED ON DELEGATION SUGGESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE DRAFT. ON MARCH 27 AND MARCH 28 - ONLY MEETINGS WITH NRC; MARCH 28 P.M. ARRANGE MEETING WITH BECHTEL TO DISCUSS ROLE OF AE IN SAFETY OF LWR'S. ON DAY OF VISIT TO PEACH BOTTOM NUCLEAR REACTOR, ATTEMPT TO ALSO HAVE VISIT TO LIMERICK (A PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION). IN FLORIDA, TRY TO ARRANGE FREE TIME FOR VISIT TO SEAQUARIUM. NRC SHOULD RESERVE BLOCK OF AIRLINE SEATS FOR FULL ITINERARY FOR SEVEN SOVIETS WHO WILL HAVE OPEN AIRLINE TICKETS FOR INTERNAL US WASHINGTON-TO-WASHINGTON PORTION OF ITINERARY. SOVIETS WILL ARRIVE LATE EVENING MARCH 26 AND WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON EARLY APRIL 8 FOR NEW YORK CITY. WILL SPEND ONE NIGHT IN NEW YORK AND DEPART AEROFLOT LATER APRIL 9 FOR

MOSCOW. ON SOCIAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS, SOVIETS EXTREMELY HOSPITABLE. SOVIET TEAM PROBABLY WILL BE HEADED BY VORONIN, ACTING DIRECTOR, GLAVATOMENERGY THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR ATOMIC POWER PLANTS OF MPE. DELEGATION BELIEVES A MEETING PLUS A FORMAL LUNCH WITH NRC COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN VISIT SCHEDULE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

6. LAFLEUR AND STELLO INTERVIEWED BY AXELBANK, REPORTER OF NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION, LATE FEBRUARY 16. INTERVIEW INCLUDED BACKGROUND, ITINERARY, PURPOSE OF TRIP. MPE WAS ADVISED OF THE INTERVIEW AND DECLINED OFFER TO ISSUE JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON VISIT. MATLOCK
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 MOSCOW 02496 241143Z

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: WATER, SAFETY, NUCLEAR SAFETY, SCIENTIFIC VISITS, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, NUCLEAR REACTORS, VISITS, MEETING DELEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MOSCOW02496
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780138-0746, D780077-0890
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780233/aaaabbom.tel
Line Count: 136
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 7cfd60d3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 9752, 78 STATE 28686, 78 MOSCOW 1151, 78 LENINGRAD 479
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3536905
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT ON LIGHT WATER REACTOR SAFETY
TAGS: TGEN, ENRG, UR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbcc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/7cfd60d3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014